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A Michigan State University math professor has received the first installment of a \$741,097 research contract administered by the Central Intelligence Agency, a student newspaper reported Wednesday.

Prof. Shui Nee Chow told the State News, in a copyright story, the grant is linked to the CIA even though it was awarded and funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

A college spokesman said the story was essentially accurate. He noted, however, that MSU officials insisted that the results of the research be public, in line with university policy.

Math Prof. John Masterson told the State News ''There are many people in the (math) department who oppose it but in a quiet kind of way.'' He said he plans to post a sign on his office barring CIA agents.